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Mr. Mike Strong, Assistant Secretary
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Waste Services
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RE: EPA Westbank Asbestos Removal Project requests a variance for the Jefferson Parish Sanitary Landfill (D-051/0090/P-0297) to accept project's out of parish waste

Dear Mr. Strong:

The Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 has been implementing a time-critical removal action at the Westbank area of New Orleans. Your office and other offices from LDEQ have been highly supportive in the implementation of this project. The removal action began to remove friable asbestos-containing materials from the residential properties and highly accessible areas in September of 1996. We have been disposing of our asbestos wastes in the Jefferson Parish landfill located in Avondale. As we are quickly approaching the completion of this project, we have several properties located out of Jefferson Parish that will be requiring asbestos removal. Presently, there are seventeen properties located in Orleans Parish and one in Plaquemine Parish. These numbers should be close to the final count based upon our previous experience that only a few out-of-Jefferson Parish sites exist.

At this time the Jefferson Parish landfill has not been permitted a permit modification to accept out of parish waste, therefore we are requesting that a variance be granted for the Jefferson Parish landfill to accept the Westbank Asbestos Project's out of parish asbestos waste.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me at (214)665-6748 or (504)367-6788 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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